



**Dementia Diagnostic Clinic Network
CORE SKILLS TRAINING
Friday, May 6, 2022 • Virtual**

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Cindy Carlsson, MD, MS
Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute
- 9:10 a.m. **Access, Prevention Care and Dementia Services: A Clinic Approach to Treating African Americans with Memory Loss**
Stephanie Houston, MBA, Teresa Skora, APNP, and Carla Wright, MD
Milwaukee Health Services Memory Clinic
- 10:05 a.m. **Using Animal Models to Identify Clinical Risk Factors in the Older Population Due to Alcohol Use and Misuse**
Douglas Matthews, PhD
University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
- 11:00 a.m. **Addressing Driving Safety in People with Dementia**
Jane Call, OTR
William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital
- 11:55 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
Cindy Carlsson, MD, MS
Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute

Presenters

Jane Call, OTR

Presentation: *Addressing Driving Safety in People with Dementia*

Occupational Therapist

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans' Hospital

Madison, Wisconsin

Jane Call has been an occupational therapist for twenty-two years, working with geriatric populations in rehabilitation. For the past 15 years, she has been with the Veterans Administration in acute care and doing driving evaluations. She holds an Advanced Dementia Specialist certificate.

Stephanie Houston, MBA

Presentation: *Access, Prevention Care and Dementia Services: A Clinic Approach to Treating African Americans with Memory Loss*

Milwaukee Health Services Memory Clinic

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Senior Outreach Program Coordinator

Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, Regional Milwaukee Office

UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Madison, Wisconsin

Stephanie Houston is a Senior Program Coordinator with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute Regional Milwaukee Office. She joined the WAI staff in 2009, in her role Stephanie provides ongoing assistance to cognitively impaired, and medically underserved African American older adults and families.

Stephanie is a resource and a service link for older adults and their families who are seeking a proper evaluation and diagnosis for Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Routinely, she performs in-home assessments, provides consultations, mediates family meetings; and assist families to develop a plan of care. In addition, she refers individuals for Cognitive evaluations to local affiliated WAI Dementia Diagnostic Clinic's for treatment.

For over 10 years Stephanie has served as a member of an interdisciplinary team at Milwaukee Health Services Inc., the first Federally Qualified Health Care Center with a Dementia Diagnostic Clinic. At MHSI, She consults with families and provides Dementia education materials and provides service links to Community resources and support.

Since 2014 Stephanie has served as the Coordinator of the WAI Outreach Program the "Amazing Grace" Chorus. The Chorus program is made up of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or a related Dementia who sing with their care partners. Through music and social engagement the program seeks to improve the "Quality of Life" of individuals and their care partners. In addition, participants receive ongoing information of Community resources for support. Stephanie is actively involved in recruitment and retention of minority participants in UW sponsored Alzheimer's disease research projects, as well as, community education and outreach activities. In 2017 Stephanie was honored to be the recipient of the Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter "Professional of the Year" Award.

Douglas Matthews, PhD

Presentation: *Using Animal Models to Identify Clinical Risk Factors in the Older Population Due to Alcohol Use and Misuse*

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Professor of Psychology

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dr. Douglas Matthews is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire who investigates the impact of alcohol (ethanol) in aged preclinical animal models. He has published seventy-eight peer reviewed papers and book chapters and given thirty-three conference presentations at symposia in the United States and various international locations. His laboratory has been awarded over \$2.5 million dollars in research funding from Mayo Clinic Healthcare, National Institutes of Health, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and the Republic of Singapore.

Teresa Skora, APNP

Presentation: *Access, Prevention Care and Dementia Services: A Clinic Approach to Treating African Americans with Memory Loss*

Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber

Milwaukee Health Services Memory Clinic

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Teresa Skora is a Nurse Practitioner and serves as the Memory Clinic Coordinator at Milwaukee Health Services Inc. Teresa received her undergraduate degree from Alverno College and a graduate degree from Marquette University. Teresa has worked as Clinic Coordinator for the Memory Clinic at Milwaukee Health Services since 2009. Teresa collaborates with a multi-disciplinary team to evaluate, diagnose and treat memory loss. Teresa's responsibilities include educating and scheduling individuals for their memory evaluation and administering the cognitive testing in the clinic. In the past, she has organized memory screenings in the community at Senior Apartments or Senior Centers and has been a facilitator for the Healthy Body Healthy Mind Connection Classes. In the clinic Teresa also conducts Medicare Wellness Visits. Outside of work Teresa serves on the HDSA WI Board and volunteers at the Open Door Free Clinic.

Carla Wright, MD

Presentation: *Access, Prevention Care and Dementia Services: A Clinic Approach to Treating African Americans with Memory Loss*

Physician

Milwaukee Health Services Memory Clinic

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dr. Carla Wright has spent the majority of her career working right here in Milwaukee--in the unique field in which she has expertise—rehabilitation medicine and geriatrics.

Originally, from Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Wright is a graduate of Vassar College with a degree in biopsychology. She also attended the University of Michigan School of Medicine, completed an internship

at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and went on to complete her residency at Northwestern University School of Medicine-RIC in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Wright first came to Milwaukee in 1987, hired by a fellow physician and colleague who knew that her unique expertise in rehabilitation medicine could well serve Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital. While working at the rehabilitation hospital helping elderly and disabled patients, Dr. Wright divided her time and talents between Milwaukee and North Dakota—first working in Williston, North Dakota at a multi-disciplinary, ambulatory care clinic and then in Minot, North Dakota at an inpatient care unit.

During the 1990s MHSI (then known as the Isaac Coggs Health Center and located on North Fifth Street) had a unique working relationship with Curative Rehabilitation Hospital, which ran a satellite clinic in the Coggs Center. Dr. Wright was intrigued when she was presented with the opportunity to enter into a relationship that enabled her to combine her medical expertise to work with the elderly population and provide outpatient rehabilitation services, while simultaneously enabling the Coggs Center to provide these unique services in the central city. She served as a consultant, managed the staff and had medical privileges at both Curative and the Coggs Center. She also served for a time as the liaison to the Curative medical director.

“The Martin Luther King Heritage Center was built in the early 1990s. This enabled us an opportunity to expand our services, while addressing some of the health care needs of the broader community,” said Dr. Wright “We went from a primarily Medicare waiver program to providing women’s health, family medicine, and pediatrics. We were also able to expand our dental care program and behavioral health services,” she said.

She has partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Madison to help manage dementia and aging in African Americans. In order to facilitate this endeavor, she negotiated for an assistant to help with testing and funding to provide other supportive services to help her patients.

Dr. Wright has always managed to carve out some time to be involved with and give back to the community. Among some of the organizations she is involved with are the Arthritis Foundation—volunteer consultant for 22 years, the Cream City Medical Society, where she has held various positions since 1988 including corresponding secretary, vice president and spearheaded a number of fundraising events to support minority graduates majoring in medicine. She has also assisted with fundraisers with the Milwaukee Women’s Center, where for seven years Team Coggs—which she organized—was the top fundraising team for the organization’s Walk/Run. She has also served on the board of the Girl Scouts and was formerly a member of Professional Dimensions.